

Amendments to the Specification

Amend Par. 0008 at page 3 as follows:

[0008] If quickly detected, a failed attempt to deactivate an EAS tag may be overcome by a manual re-try; the operator presses a button to manually ~~deactivates~~ deactivate the tag. However, this procedure presents a security risk as a tag manually deactivated may not be the one attached to the item just scanned. ~~It~~ Thus the present inventors have recognized that it would be advantageous to detect and capture manual deactivations for subsequent processing.

Amend Par. 0029 at pages 7-8 as follows:

[0029] Fig. 1 is a block diagram of a combined barcode reader 20 and EAS deactivation system 30 connected to or in communication with a point of sale (POS) terminal 15 which is in turn connected to a host computer 10. The bar code reader 20 and EAS system 30 are preferably integrated within a single housing. Various configurations for such a combination system are described in U.S. Patent No. 5,917,412 or U.S. Application Ser. No. 10/062,274 filed February 1, 2002, Patent No. 6,783,072 hereby incorporated by reference. Other suitable combined scanner and EAS systems include the Magellan® SL scanner or the Magellan® 8500 scanner manufactured by PSC Inc. of Eugene, Oregon.

Amend Par. 0122 at page 21 as follows:

[0122] Other modifications may be implemented. For example, where the RFID transmitter/receiver or the EAS sensor/deactivator is a multi-sensor or multi-plane unit (such as disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,917,412 or U.S. Application Ser. No. 10/062,274 filed February 1, 2002, Patent No. 6,783,072, these patents having already been incorporated by reference), the sensing system may acquire information as to which sensor/antenna (of a multi-sensor unit) was the sensor which first detected the tag, or the order of detection as between multiple sensors, namely upstream sensor or downstream sensor; vertical sensor or horizontal sensor. Such information may provide an indication of the motion of the item as passed through the scan volume by the operator.